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In re application of : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Burton Barnett : **TO MAKE SPECIAL**
Application No. 10/060,840 : **(COUNTER TERRORISM)**
Filed: January 30, 2002
For: CARGO TRAILER ANTI-TERRORIST
AND ANTI-THEFT SYSTEM

This is in response to the petition filed on January 30, 2002 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of inventions for countering terrorism as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 XI.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (B) a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

Applicant's petition explains that the invention describes "means by which law enforcement authorities can stop a moving truck or truck trailer combination without the need for engaging in any type of physical contact with the moving truck". Specifically, an electronic/electro-mechanical device built into the brake system to force the brakes to engage and lock upon the transmission of a code known only to law enforcement authorities. This is an acceptable explanation of how the invention would act to counter terrorism.

Since all of the requirements for special status under MPEP § 708.02 VIII have been met, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt ***bona fide*** effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special **GRANTED**.



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